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BURNT RANCH UPDATE

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Caltrans Monitoring McDonald Bluff

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) continues monitoring McDonald Bluff after ending scaling operation on Saturday, February 25, 2006. Minor amounts of rock and material have been observed falling as expected while the slope cures. No substantial movement has been detected.

Crews will begin installation of permanent lighting, temporary concert K-rail and temporary signal lights for one-way traffic controls.

The slope will be monitored throughout the storm season. Motorist may experience 20-minute delays during daytime construction. Caltrans anticipates opening the roadway to normal two-way traffic by mid-summer.

McDonald Bluff is located on State Route 299 one-half mile west of Burnt Ranch near the Trinity/Humboldt county line.

For information on road conditions and chain controls go to http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist2/ or call 1-800-GAS-ROAD

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